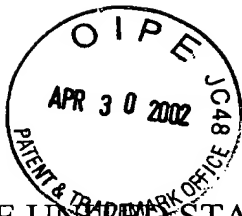


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Hon. Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2002, please amend the above identified application the following manner.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 18, 23, 25, 26 and 31 as shown by Exhibit B2. Exhibit A2 is a clean copy of these claims with the amendments incorporated therein.

Please add claims 36-50 as shown by Exhibit C2.

REMARKS

This application has been given careful consideration in view of the Office Action mailed January 3, 2002. Enclosed is a request to extend the time for response for one month, from April 3, 2002 to May 3, 2002. Enclosed are copies of Figs. 2, 6, 8, and 10 of the drawings incorporating the changes previously requested and which have been approved by the Examiner.

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